

NATIONAL

World Affairs Council meets in D.C. Nov. 19

AMMAN, Nov. 16 (Petra) — Jordanian World Affairs Council member Mr. Taher Hikmat today left for Washington to attend the council's second conference there, which will begin on Nov. 19 in cooperation with Georgetown University.

Several members of the Jordanian delegation at the conference will speak on the Jordanian and Arab views of the

Arab-Israeli dispute, and on the Palestine issue, as well as other matters involving Arab-American relations.

The Jordanian delegation includes Information Minister Adnan Abu Odah, Chairman and President of Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline Mr. Ali Ghandour, the Audit Bureau Director Hashem Al Dabbas and several other Jordanian personalities.

Several Arab intellectuals in the United States will attend the conference, including Lebanese Permanent U.N. Delegate Ghassan Tuweini, Dr. Hisham Sharabi, Dr. Edward Sa'id and professors of political science and economics.

Khatib cables Waldheim on Israeli acts

AMMAN, Nov. 16 (J.T.) — The President of the General Union of Voluntary Societies in Jordan, Dr. Abdullah Khatib, has sent a cable to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and the secretary general's personal representative for the International Year of Disabled Persons, appealing to them to intervene quickly to stop the Israeli occupation authorities' oppression of the Arab residents of the occupied territories.

The cable said that Israel's barbaric and arbitrary acts have caused thousands of disabilities in those territories, particularly among school children.

South Korean team visits Asfour, free zones authority

AMMAN, Nov. 16 (Petra) — A South Korean trade delegation currently visiting Jordan today discussed with Minister of Industry and Trade Waleed Asfour means of strengthening economic and trade cooperation between the two countries.

After the talks, a meeting was held at the ministry's conference

Regent cables Moroccan, Omani leaders

AMMAN, Nov. 16 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, has sent a cable to King Hassan II of Morocco congratulating him on Morocco's national day and expressing, in his own name and on behalf of the Jordanian people and government, his wishes for the further progress and prosperity of the Moroccan people.

Crown Prince Hassan also cabled congratulations to Sultan Qaboos of Oman on his birthday, wishing further progress and prosperity for the Omani people.

Al al-Bayt Foundation chief leaves for Rome symposium

AMMAN, Nov. 16 (Petra) — The President of the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research (Al al-Bayt Foundation), Dr. Nassereddin Al Assad, left Amman for Rome today as a representative of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, at an international symposium on the concept of monotheism in Islam and Christianity.

The symposium, organised by the world progress organisation in Rome, will begin tomorrow and will continue for three days. The symposium will also be attended by the Chief Qadi Sheikh Ibrahim Al Qattan and member of the Royal Academy of the Islamic Civilisation Research Dr. Mohammad Al Gholi.

In a statement to Petra, the Jordan News Agency, Dr. Assad said that during the symposium several research papers will be presented, and will be followed by discussions on the points of convergence between the two religions. He said that Crown Prince Hassan's call for an international humanitarian order, submitted by the Crown Prince to the U.N. General Assembly, will be presented at the symposium.

Dr. Assad explained that the Vatican and prominent Christian clergymen have shown a sincere desire to begin a constructive dialogue to reach international understanding based on similarities of thought and ideals. In 1969, he said, the Vatican published a book pointing out the dangers of the ideas of several Christian historians and researchers who, beginning in the early medieval period in Europe, distorted the image of Islam and the Muslims. The book emphasised the need to rectify this image, and present a true picture of Islam.

Several respected international bodies including the Vatican, the World Council of Churches and the U.N. Educational, Scientific

and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) are participating in the symposium.

Raouf Abujaber awarded high Dutch medal

AMMAN, Nov. 16 (J.T.) — Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands has bestowed one of her country's highest decorations on Mr. Raouf Sa'ad Abujaber, Dutch honorary consul general in Jordan, his office said today.



Mr. Raouf Abujaber (Photo by Artin Markarian)

The decoration, Commander in the Order of Orange Nassau, was presented to Mr. Abujaber during a ceremony at the Dutch foreign ministry in The Hague on Nov. 5. Mr. Abujaber was decorated by Foreign Minister Christoph van der Klaauw.

Queen Beatrix received Mr. and Mrs. Abujaber at the Royal Palace in The Hague on Nov. 6.

Pianist performs tomorrow to benefit fund-starved society

By Dina Matar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Nov. 16 — If what the critics say of Lebanese pianist Billy 'Eidi is true, then classical music lovers are in for a treat on Wednesday night.

Scheduled to play at a concert organised by the National Association for the Mentally Handicapped at the Hays Arts Centre, Mr. 'Eidi is not only expected to send his music-starved audience into raptures, but will also benefit a small portion of Jordan's mentally handicapped population.

According to Jordanian law, each special education centre is allowed to run only two fundraising activities a year. Wednesday's concert is an effort on the part of its organisers to do something for the mentally handicapped in the country, at a time when help is most needed.

According to World Health Organisation estimates, there are about 20,000 mentally handicapped in Jordan, and only 500 of them are in special education centres. But some specialists here estimate that the actual number of people needing help is even greater.

The National Association for the Mentally Handicapped, founded two years ago, is trying hard to help the mentally handicapped in the country; but its meagre funding has strangled many of its efforts.

Mr. Ibrahim Kattan, one of the association's founders, told the Jordan Times: "Our hands are tied. We would like to do much more, but we need more donations and financial aid."

In spite of this limitation, the association has been very active. It works not only to benefit children now learning in its nursery in Sweifiyeh, but to extend its services to other mentally handicapped young people.

The association has formed the first club for such young men and women, which provides weekly excursions for its members, besides other educational activities. The association has also been a pioneer in initiating educational seminars to acquaint mothers of mentally handicapped children with the best ways to bring up their children.

Besides the fund shortage, Mr. Kattan said, "another bottleneck for the association has been the difficulty of finding well-qualified staff to keep an eye on the children

and to teach them basic things in 'life,' since many of the children are multiply handicapped.

The association is now preparing plans to build the biggest centre for the mentally handicapped in Jordan, thanks to a private donation offered by a Kuwaiti citizen. Mr. Kattan said that the new centre will accommodate about 120 children. It will have a nursery, a school and a "post-school" institute. The institute will emphasise vocational and occupational training, he explained.

The centre will have a special medical care unit, completely equipped with the latest aids used in training the handicapped. The centre's design is now being completed and actual construction will start in a few weeks' time, Mr. Kattan said.

On people's attitudes towards handicapped children, Mr. Kattan pointed out that there has been a change in Jordan's outlook. "But what we need most of all is a special medical centre that could examine high-risk children after their birth," he said. "We lack this in our country, and parents are sometimes shocked when they find out that their child is abnormal in one way or another."

Mr. Kattan added that the governmental institutions responsible for the welfare of the handicapped should continually follow up their progress and continue mounting awareness campaigns aimed at acquainting the public with the handicapped's plight. To date, the work of the responsible institutions has been deficient in some areas, he said, and many centres have complained about the lack of concern or supervision.

"But our public has made up for this," Mr. Kattan asserted. "They have become more cooperative, and we hope this awareness will continue."

Japanese team arrives to help at new RSS electronics centre

AMMAN, Nov. 16 (Petra) — A team of Japanese experts arrived in Amman today for a month-long working visit to the Royal Scientific Society's (RSS) Electronic Services and Training Centre (ESTC).

The Japanese team will complete the installation and commissioning of the calibration laboratory at the ESTC, which will be used to calibrate and electronic equipment and apparatus used by various establishments in Jordan, notably at the Baq'a satellite ground station, Jordan's radio and television stations and the Telecommunications Corporation.

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Grindlays marks growth with centre opening

AMMAN, Nov. 16 — Mr. N.J. Robson, chairman of the Grindlays banking group, yesterday reviewed a long history of cooperation by his bank and its predecessor, the Ottoman Bank, in the development and economic growth of Jordan.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the bank's new Grindlays Centre in Shmeisani, Mr. Robson said: "It has been the honour of the Ottoman Bank and Grindlays Bank to have contributed to, and participated in, the economic growth of Jordan and its people." Outlining the development of Jordan's banking industry, in which Grindlays has played a prominent role, he said, "modern management techniques have been introduced by the banking industry and the present man-

agement of Grindlays Bank here are clearly representative of this trend."

Referring to the introduction of "greater professionalism," the modernisation of management, organisational restructuring, the improvement of facilities and the upgrading of professional staff, Mr. Robson said, "This Grindlays Centre is tangible evidence of these progressive policies."

The new centre includes general management, corporate and multi-national banking units, an Amman central processing unit, a staff training school and a customer services branch. The first-floor bank branch replaces Grindlays' old Jabal Hussein branch.

Following is the full text of Mr. Robson's address:



Mr. Ronald S. Cordingley, General Manager of Grindlays Bank in Amman (left) and his wife welcome Central Bank Governor Dr. Mohammad Sa'id Nabulsi (middle) and his assistant, Mr. Hussein Al Qassem.

(photos by Artin Markarian, Middle East Communicators)



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you today to the formal opening of Grindlays Centre, to celebrate with us the completion of a further stage in the development of Grindlays Bank in Jordan.

The occupation of this building is the final stage of many months of negotiations, planning and construction, and I would like to pay tribute to all who have been involved in this important new project. Although they are too numerous to name individually, a special word of thanks is due to the property's owner, Mr. Mohammad Kilani, to our architects and engineering consultants and to the contractors, Messrs Arabtech and their respective staffs, through whose cooperation and efforts our vision has become reality.

As most of you will know, Grindlays Bank, and its predecessor in Jordan the Ottoman Bank, have a long and proud association with this country stretching back for well over 50 years, for it was in the 1920s that the Ottoman Bank made banking history here as the first bank to open a branch in the kingdom.

From this early, small start the Ottoman Bank extended its services both to the public and private sectors, and was for many years bankers to the government here until the present Central Bank was established.

Resulting from this and other privileged relationships, it has been the honour of the Ottoman Bank and Grindlays Bank to have contributed to, and participated in, the economic growth of Jordan and its people.

As the country's development accelerated its financial and banking needs grew proportionately and, to meet these growing requirements, we have seen and welcomed the establishment of new commercial banking institutions, as well as the creation of the Central Bank of Jordan to which I have already referred—although "new" is hardly the correct word for institutions established many years ago.

With the passage of time the monetary authorities have introduced sophisticated management techniques to regulate the banking industry and to provide Jordan with monetary stability. In parallel, modern management techniques have been introduced by the banking industry and the present management of Grindlays Bank here are clearly representative of this trend.

Recently the main thrust of their efforts has been towards the introduction of greater professionalism in the management of the business. This has involved modernising processing procedures, the restructuring of our organisation to serve more efficiently the wide range of customers, the improvement of our premises and working conditions and improvement of professional skills through comprehensive training programmes which are available within Jordan and from the bank's training centres in other countries.

On this vital subject of staff training, it gives me pleasure to know that the training facilities available to our Jordanian staff are of a very high standard.

This Grindlays Centre is tangible evidence of these progressive policies, for within this building there are the general management, the corporate and multi-national banking units, a central processing unit for our eight Amman branches, the staff training school and a new customer services branch.

Having so many important functions here together will mean that the best of our skills and services will be available to all our customers in Amman without any loss of existing personal contact by customers with the managers of our retail branches.

With the improvement in communications which is taking place now in this country, we hope that it will not be long before the whole of our branch network will be linked to an even more advanced processing system which will compare favourably with the best equipment in many of the countries in which Grindlays Bank Group operates. The number of these countries is now 41, with the recent establishment of a representative office in Brazil.

As I have already said, the growth of our bank in Jordan has followed closely the progress of Jordan itself, and we acknowledge that this would not have been possible without the help, guidance, and encouragement we have received from government and the Central Bank. I must also mention the importance we attach to inter-bank cooperation, which has played a major part in our growth and that of the banking industry generally.

Under His Majesty King Hussein's wise and capable rule, Jordan enjoys peace and stability and, because of this, we in Grindlays believe we can look forward confidently to achieving further progress in this country. Our confidence in Jordan has been demonstrated by the large investment we have made in the completion of this fine building and in the modernisation of our main branch in King Hussein Street. It is our hope that the completion of these projects will signal the commencement of a new and successful stage in Grindlays' association with the Kingdom of Jordan. With this prospect in mind, it gives me great pleasure in formally declaring Grindlays Centre open.



Mr. Robson delivers his speech at the ceremony.



There was no ribbon at the ceremony, but Mrs. Robson cut a cake, the icing of which depicted the famous Grindlays elephant.



Mr. Robson chats with journalists Salim Samawi of Al Ra'i (extreme left), Fernando Francis of the Jordan Times (back to camera) and Mohammad Shanti of Ad Dustour (right). Also seen is Michael Nimri of Middle East Communicators.

Jordan is one of the 40 countries in which the Grindlays Bank Group operates through an extensive international network of over 200 branches and offices. The Bank's roots in Jordan go back to 30th August, 1927 when the Ottoman Bank was the first Bank to establish a branch in Amman. This was followed by the opening of branches in Irbid (1949) and Aqaba (1956). Three more branches were opened during the 1960's and a further six during the early 1970's bringing the total number of branches to 13 in addition to the five West Bank branches which are temporarily closed. Total assets in Jordan presently stand at JD 66 million.

Also addressing the ceremony was Central Bank of Jordan Governor Mohammad Sa'id Nabulsi, who recalled the close involvement of Grindlays

Bank and the Ottoman Bank in Jordan's growth, and congratulated the bank on its new centre. Following is the text of Dr. Nabulsi's address:



The Governor of the Central Bank of Jordan

I am very pleased to participate with you and in the presence of the chairman of the board of directors of the Grindlays Group in opening this new centre for Grindlays Bank, which will include the bank's general management and a substitute branch for the Jabal Hussein branch.

The Grindlays Group, and before it the Ottoman Bank Group, as you know, are among the banking institutions which took the lead in serving the region in general, and Jordan in particular. Since its establishment in Jordan in the late 1920s, the bank's management has exerted enormous efforts to meet the needs of the young Jordanian economy, and mounted operations which could be performed only by central banks.

Grindlays Bank branches are now the most widespread commercial bank branches in Jordan. This is due to years of industries work, in which the bank's management has always proven its cooperativeness and responsiveness to the requirements of development and modernisation in the bank.

On this occasion, I would like to extend my utmost thanks and gratitude to the bank's general management in London, and its Amman management. I would also like to express my personal congratulations and those of my colleagues at the Central Bank for this new centre. We all hope that it will be a new step on the path of the bank's progress and fruitful work for the good of this country and its prosperity.



Mr. Cordingley (left) and Mr. A.C.F. Thomson, Managing Director of Grindlays' Middle East and Africa Division, chat with British Ambassador Alan Urwick (right).



Dr. Nabulsi and Mr. Robson.



Dr. Nabulsi delivers his speech on the occasion.

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SPORTS

TENNIS TALK

Learn to anticipate

By Maureen Stalla

THE ABILITY to run fast is a tremendous asset in tennis. But the ability to anticipate is far more useful and rewarding. A person who never runs but is always in the right place at the right time is the player with a great sense of anticipation.

Distinct from speed, anticipation is not an innate gift. It is an acquired skill, accessible to us all. All tournament players have it; few club players do. It is simply a matter of keeping alert, using your eyes and thinking.

Anticipation is a mental skill. Your brain must keep your feet moving between hits. Always move sooner. Club players hit a shot and stand to watch it. For instance, say you hit a ball near the right side line and stay there, watching the ball. Your opponent naturally hits it to the left side line and after it bounces on your side you make a mad dash across the court. Instead, after you hit the first shot, slide back to the centre of the court and start for the other side as it clears the net; you hardly have to run at all.

After you hit a return of serve, go quickly to the center; don't leave the court open. If you hit a ball hard and near the base line, don't stand there paralysed with fear that it might go out; assume

it's good and react. If you hit a ball very deep, your opponent's return will most likely be short, so take a few steps forward automatically. Likewise, if you hit short, immediately step back. If you hit an approach shot you must not hit, stop, and then gallop in — hit, run, and then stop. It is very common to see a person at the net stand and flail his arms helplessly as a lob soars over his head. But a lob is the slowest shot in the game. So when it starts going up, gallop sideways back, then move in for the smash. When you volley, always recover to set position. It is impossible to hit a backhand volley if the racquet is dangling head down by your right side.

Learn the strategy called "follow the ball". If you hit a volley deep to your opponent's forehand corner take a few steps to your left in order to bisect his possible angle of return. It is important to realize that the proper ready position is the center of the possible angle of return — not the center of the court.

One more way to learn to anticipate better is to always think of the next shot. Figure out where it will go and be there!

McEnroe considers giving England a miss

LONDON, Nov. 16 (A.P.) — American tennis star John McEnroe said today he is considering boycotting future tournaments in England after being fined for his on-court behaviour during the final of the Benson and Hedges championship at Wembley Arena yesterday.

The 22-year-old Wimbledon champion said: "I felt all alone on the court—as if everyone was against me. It gives you a reason not to want to come back." McEnroe was fined \$100 for his actions during the final against Jimmy Connors. Connors won a 3½ hour marathon 3-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

McEnroe was disciplined twice during the match—for hitting a ball into the court surround and breaking a microphone, but said he did not regret his behaviour.

McEnroe, who now faces a three week suspension, also was at centre of a storm during the Wimbledon tournament earlier this year.

During yesterday's match, umpire John Farry made a number of mistakes that angered both players. McEnroe appeared to lose interest in the match during the final set, but he denied "throwing" the contest.

"I was a little bit tired and very down," he said. "But you don't play three and a half hours and then throw the game."

The Wimbledon champion feels uneasy in Britain, when the newspapers report his every move and insist on calling him "Superbrat" and when he feels he gets a raw deal from umpires. "I try hard to be myself," he said. "Yesterday the umpires were not very good and the crowd seemed interested in just making me uncomfortable."

"I get misquoted in the papers and people believe what they read."

Korchnoi opens game 17

MERANO, Nov. 16 (R) — Challenger Viktor Korchnoi, struggling to stay in the world chess

championships, opened the crucial 17th game tonight with a queen's gambit which Soviet champion Anatoly Karpov declined.

The opening moves were identical to those in game nine, which Karpov won, until move 10 when Korchnoi made a variation.

His seconds said the variation was one he should have used during the ninth game.

The 50-year-old challenger, 5-2 down in the series, must either win or draw to stay in contention. But he has the advantage of playing white and the fresh memory of a morale-boosting draw against the odds in the last game with 30-year-old Karpov.

Both players arrived late for the game, watched by the smallest crowd since the match began on October 1.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN
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Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠6 ♥K10752 ♦10432 ♣765
Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What action do you take?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠954 ♥QJ762 ♦8 ♣10432
Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What action do you take?

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠6 ♥K10975 ♦10432 ♣J109
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♥ 2 ♣ Pass Pass
2 ♣ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AKQ105 ♥Q854 ♦K103 ♣J
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♣ Pass Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠104 ♥K87632 ♦Q102 ♣J9
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♣ Pass 1 NT Pass
2 ♣ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠75 ♥AK843 ♦108 ♣K1043
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 ♣ Pass ?
What action do you take?

Look for answers on Thursday

Pakistan on brink of defeat

PERTH, Nov. 16 (A.P.) — The Pakistani batsmen showed far greater resolve against the Australian fast attack on the fourth day of the first test at the WACA ground today, but the side is on the brink of inevitable defeat.

Not even a polished innings of 79 by captain Javed Miandad and some defiant batting by Mansoor Akhtar, Wasim Raja and Imran Khan gave the Pakistan team any hope of reprieve.

Defeat should come early on the final day—giving the shell-shocked tourists little more than a week to regroup their forces for the second test in Brisbane.

Pakistan were set the mammoth task of scoring 543 runs for victory—a target that has never been achieved in test history.

Windies beat S. Australia by 226 runs

ADELAIDE, Nov. 16 (A.P.) — The West Indies beat South Australia by 226 runs two minutes

before tea on the final day of the match at Adelaide Oval here today.

South Australia were set the impossible target of scoring 452 runs in 425 minutes after having been dismissed for 79 in the first innings but again crashed to the West Indian speed to total 225 in the second innings.

West Indian giant, Joel Garner finished with 45 for five after having had 10 runs hit off him before he took his first wicket.

At one stage he got three successive low decisions in six balls without conceding a run.

South Australia looked like staging a strong fight back when opening batsmen Rick Darling and Kim Harris put on 141 runs in 154 minutes.

But then South Australia lost their last nine wickets for only 84 runs with David Hookes the only batsman to offer any further real resistance.

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FEATURES

UNHCR criticised

Award of the 1981 Nobel Peace Prize to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees has come at a time when the organisation is under intense criticism from member governments and some of its own staff.

By Brij Khindaria

NEVA — Winning the 1981 Nobel Peace Prize is a welcome in the arm for the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), whose prestige fortunes are sagging in spite of

its unique humanitarian role. Although the UNHCR has been the first to take large risks to enter trouble spots in recent years and has probably saved millions of lives, it is currently under intense criticism both from member governments and some of its own staff.

problems of refugees escaping Eastern Europe's Communist regimes.

Since then, the character of the refugee problem has changed dramatically, spreading around the world and forcing the UNHCR to open offices in 80 countries and raise its staff from 123 in 1955 to more than 1,500 this year.

The growth has prompted some soul-searching within the org-

anisation. At the same time, the U.S. and Britain think that a redefinition of the UNHCR's role is long overdue. In fact, the UNHCR's size has burgeoned to keep pace with an explosion in the number of refugees from tens of thousands in the 1950s to more than 10 million now, including 5 million in Africa and 2.2 million in Pakistan.

Refugees exert enormous strains on their hosts. India cited the presence of 11 million refugees from East Pakistan as one of the reasons for going to war with Pakistan to create Bangladesh in 1971.

The South-East Asian coastal states at one point preferred to force the Vietnamese boat people away. Famished locals in African countries took to raiding refugee camps to get a share in food and other supplies they felt they had a greater right to receive.

Even the U.S. was forced to clamp down on arrivals from Cuba and Haiti last year because of protests from its underprivileged black and Hispanic minorities.

One result of the U.S. experience was an insistence by Washington that the UNHCR should distinguish more effectively between genuine refugees and "economic immigrants," who use refugee status as an excuse to move across borders simply to win better lives.

Current arguments on trade and aid among rich and poor countries could benefit the UNHCR. Although the problems debated at such meetings as the Cancun summit are outside the organisation's scope, it could benefit because future aid will be focused on humanitarian lines rather than to solve major problems of economic development, according to senior Western diplomats.

But the UNHCR will have to do more than just pull up its socks if it is to win the confidence of its members. The criticism voiced by 40 of its main member governments at a recent meeting, its policy-setting executive committee here revealed profound dissatisfaction with how the organisation spends its money.

Mr. Poul Hartling, the High Commissioner for Refugees, who is a 67-year-old former Danish Prime Minister, was charged with condoning mismanagement and wastage of resources.

Since refugees are created by political upheavals, Mr. Hartling was also caught in a cross-fire between those who want more money from him and those who want him to be more parsimonious, particularly when people are uprooted because of interference by Soviet-backed regimes.

But Mr. Hartling's fortunes seem to hinge more on what he cannot prevent than on what he can do. Ironically, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was a boon for him because it brought home

the UNHCR's relevance to the U.S. To allay western concerns, Mr. Hartling has ordered a major overhaul of the UNHCR's administration methods and is hiring new senior staff at a cost of \$700,000.

Western nations were relieved to see at the executive committee meeting that the UNHCR's 1982 budget will fall to \$-21 million. The committee also appointed Mr. Hartling's predecessor, the Sadrudin Aga Khan, to report on "the root causes of mass flows" of refugees to give clearer forecasts of refugee movements.

Financial Times News Features

Sweden: men on paternal leave

By Birgit Lofgren Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — "No, I hadn't time to mend the roof," and "Yes, it is a bit lonely," say two of Sweden's daddies on paternal leave. The number of men who chose to stay home with baby was never so high, and seven years into Sweden's pioneering experiment, that number is declining.

Recent studies have found that those men who do stay home still in over most of the responsibility to the mother when the paternity leave ends.

The conservative government now in power, moreover, is clearly enthusiastic about the experiment hatched in 1974 by a social democratic government.

Recommending that legislation be reviewed, industry minister Nils Asling said recently: "It has become far too easy to get time off to work to take care of children or to study."

Bjorn Wahlstrom, an executive of the SSAB steel group, wrote a booklet for the industrial federation which contended that paternal leave is economically unsound.

"It is a pure waste that good resources, at a time when they are so needed, should stay home and busy themselves with babies," he wrote.

Equality minister Karin Andersson fired back that Asling and Wahlstrom act stiffly to take a tight economical situation as an excuse to put old-fashioned views on the role of the sexes. But, she added that she preferred to have "some good old antagonism rather than waging hopeless fight against prejudice that is there but never really

showing."

A study by Philip Hwang, a Goteborg University psychologist, found that paternal leave does not particularly affect the traditional roles of parents. The mother still gives the child more of tenderness and nursing care while the typical father-child contact is of a more sporadic and active nature, best illustrated by the father hoisting the baby up in the air and making it laugh, Hwang said.

The Swedish law permits either parent to take 12 months leave when a baby is born. Also at the time of the birth the father is entitled to an additional 10 days off.

Up to six of the 12 months can be taken out at any time before the child's eighth birthday. Also, parents are entitled to 60 days paid leave to take care of sick children.

During the first nine months of parental leave, the parent gets regular sickness allowance, or 90 per cent of the income. The remaining three months carry a minimum sickness benefit, currently 37 Kronor (\$6.7) a day.

In 1974, only two per cent of the fathers chose to stay home with their children, and then for an average of just 26 days. The number peaked at 12.3 per cent in 1977, but last year it had declined to 10 per cent of all new fathers, who took an average of 42 days leave.

One study covering some 70 fathers found that while men of all ages take paternal leave, there are fewer from business than government. The study was conducted by the Stockholm University psychological department.

The university study said that a majority of men on paternal leave, representing professions ranging from stock room workers to department heads, popped in to tend to their work a couple of evenings of afternoons a week, uninvited and without extra pay.

The woman's occupation is also important in the paternal leave decision, a government-commissioned report said. Women with monotonous jobs see maternity leave as a welcome break while more highly educated women are more willing to let their husbands take a turn with the newly born, it said. Also, which mate earns the higher salary is a factor.

Half of the fathers in the university study said that taking care of a baby was harder than they had expected. And as soon as they went back to work their household role dwindled to "helping" their wives, it said.

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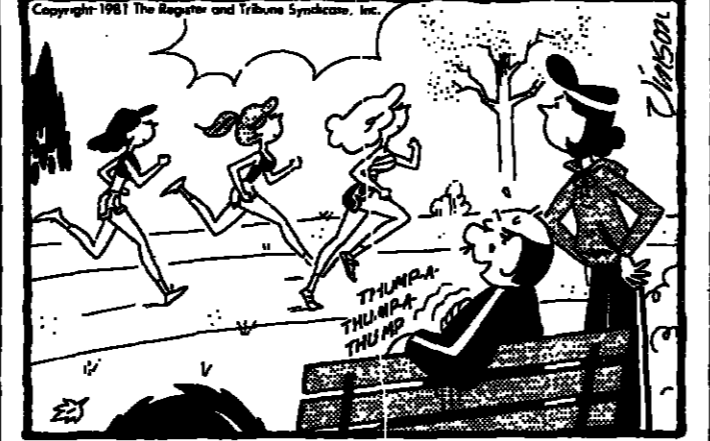
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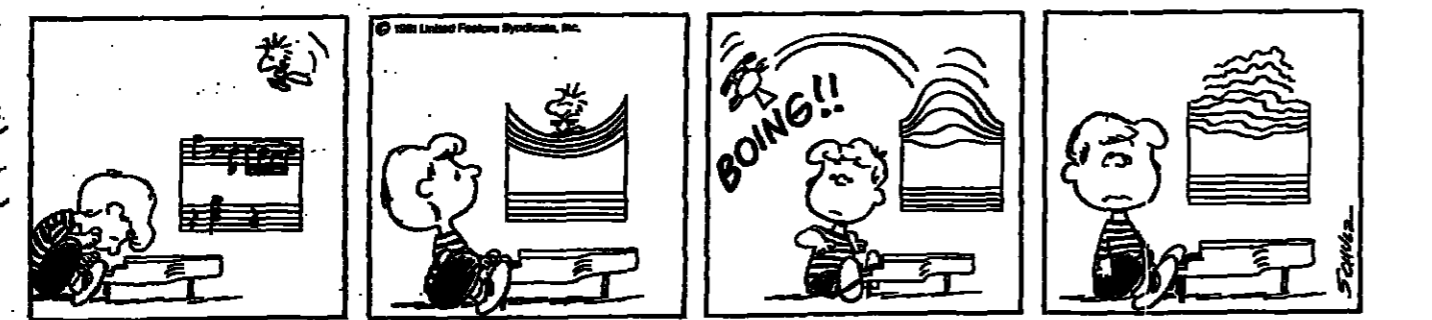
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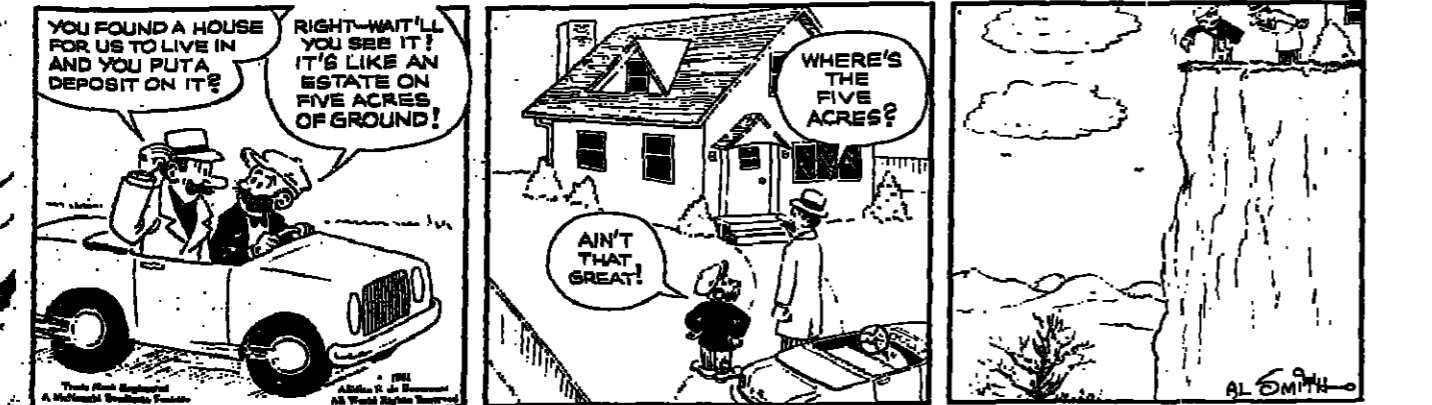


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